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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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v.) C.A. No. 07-787-SLR
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SMARTDEVIL INC., EXALEAD, INC., and EXALEAD S.A.,)
Defendants.)

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By this declaration, R. David Donoghue declares as follows:

- 1. I am one of the attorneys representing Defendants Amazon Web Service, LLC, Amazon.com, Inc., and Alexa Internet, Inc. in this case.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of selected pages from the transcript of the April 9, 2008 deposition of Shirli Ran (filed under seal).
- 3. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of pages from the transcript of the April 18, 2008 deposition of Brad Allen Myers, Ph.D.
- 4. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of online pages from the September 9, 2004 article "Girafa.com Gets The Picture," published by the *Jerusalem Post*.

5. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of documents produced by Plaintiff and bates labeled GIR 000533-46, which purport to be Girafa.com Inc.'s Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for calendar years 2000-2006 (filed under seal).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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I, David E. Moore, hereby certify that on May 22, 2008, the attached document was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF which will send notification to the registered attorney(s) of record that the document has been filed and is available for viewing and downloading.

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Exhibit A

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Exhibit B

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4	EXAMINATION OF BRAD A. MYERS PAGE	4	in the deposition of Brad A. Myers in the matter of
5	BY MR. PASTERNAK 9	5	Girafa.com, Inc. vs. Amazon Web Services, LLC, et al.
6	BY MR. DONOGHUE 132	6	pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of
7	BY MR, NIELSEN 180	7	Delaware, case number 07-787. Today's date is April
8		8	18th, 2008. The time is 8:06 a.m.
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11	transmission in memory that	II	Mion, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington,
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14	Deposition	13	whom they represent.
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16	3 Declaration of Dr. Brad A. Myers 11	16	the witness, I'm John Rabena with Sughrue Mion, and
17	4 Girafa.com Opening Memorandum of 11	17	I'm here with Chandran Iyer, also of Sughrue Mion.
18	Law in Support of Motion for	18	MR. PASTERNAK: Tom Pasternak, DLA Piper,
19	Preliminary Injunction	19	for Amazon Web Services, LLC, Amazon.com, Inc. and
20	5 US Patent No. 6,864,904 11	20	Alexa Internet, Inc.
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2	Amazon.com and Alexa Internet.	2	deposition notice.
3	MR. NIELSEN: Mark Nielsen, Cislo & Thomas,	3	(Exhibit Nos. 1 through 5, inclusive, marked
4	representing Snap Technologies.	4	for identification and attached hereto.)
5	MS. MONAHAN: Alison Monahan, Quinn Emanuel,	5	MR. PASTERNAK: And I've got some copies, I
ğ	representing IAC Search & Media.	6	don't know if I have enough for the whole table.
7	MR. JOHNSON: Harold Johnson, Brinks, Hofer,	7	Exhibit 2, Myer Exhibit 2, are copies of all
8	Gilson & Lione, representing Exalcad and Exalcad S.A.	8	the exhibits to your declaration.
9	VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you very much. The	9	Myer Exhibit 3 - I'm sorry. I'm saying
10	court reporter today is Linda Kinkade of L.A.D.	10	"Myer." It should be Myers, correct?
14	Reporting.	11	THE WITNESS: M-Y-E-R-S.
12	BRAD ALLAN MYERS, Ph.D.	12	MR. PASTERNAK: Myers Exhibit 3 is the
13	Being first duly swom, testified as follows:	13	actual declaration.
14	EXAMINATION	14	Myers Exhibit 4 is plaintiff's opening
15	BY MR. PASTERNAK:	15	memorandum here.
16	Q. Good morning, doctor. Could you state your	16	And, last but not least, is the patent, and
17	full name?	17	that will be Myers Exhibit 5, U.S. patent 6,864,904.
18	A Brad Allan Myers.	18	So you don't need to look at those particularly
19	Q And what's your home address?	19	right now, but, as we get into it, I'm sure we'll be
20	A 400 South Homewood Avenue, Pittsburgh,	20	wanting to look at some of them.
21	Pennsylvania 15208:	21	BY MR-PASTERNAK
22		22	Q So, why don't we talk about image servers:
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12	A Yeah. I'm a professor at Carnegie Mellon	2	What's an image server?
3	University.	3	A Well, I think I define that pretty well in
.4	Q And what's the address there?	4	my report.
5	A 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh,	5	Q Can you define it?
6	Pennsylvania 15213.	6	A Sure. It's a server that provides images.
7	Q How many times have you been deposed?	7	Q Is that your definition?
8	A About fen.	8	A Let me see what I formally said.
9	Q So you're familiar with the drill?	ĝ	Q All right. And now what are you looking
10	A Yes.	10	at?
11	Q. Do you have any are you on any	11	A At my report, my declaration.
12	medications today?	12	Q All right. Let me grab that, too. So
13	A No.	13	you're looking at Exhibit 3?
14		14	A Yes.
15	life such that you can't tell the truth today?	15	Q Okay.
16	A No.	16	A In paragraph 48 on page 11 I define an
1		17	image server as a type of server that stores and
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2	their brief and could I please put some language in my	2	recall the claim chart was a superset of all the
3.	report about what HTML was. And so I added the last	. 3	claims that were, you know it was pretty much all
4	sentence of paragraph 37, the second-to-last sentence.	4	the claims in the patent except for the ones that had
5	Q. Tell me generally how you went about coming	5	to do with the generation of the thumbnails.
6	up to your opinion that Alexa infringes.	ő,	BY MR. PASTERNAK:
7	A Well, I operated the system in the way I	7	Q Did you delete any claims from the claim
8	described in this report and in the appendix, matching	8	chart? Did you come to the conclusion, no, I don't
9	up what the system did with the claims.	9	think these infringe, we ought to take them out?
10	Q Was that - was that your decision to do it	10	A. Sure.
11	that way or were you kind of guided through it?	11	Q Which claims did you take out with respect
12	A Well, that's the way I always do it.	12	to Alexa?
13	That's the way I've been instructed is the proper way	13	A Oh, I don't remember specifically, but, you
14	to do it.	14	know, we have in this chart which ones we ended up
15	Q Well, let me ask it this way. Were you	15	déciding. Was it H?
16	told by counsel, here's how we think they infringe,	16	So these are the ones that I decided had the
17	here's how we came up with the conclusion, or did they	17	most clear evidence of infringement and the other ones
18	say, go figure out whether you think Alexa infringes?	18	we took out.
19	A Well, it was more like the latter.	19	Q. So with respect to Alexa now, there were
20	Obviously I knew they informed me which products	20	more claims being discussed at first and some were
21	they wanted me to look at and told me where to start,	21	deleted?
22	you know, what web page to start from. And then I did	22	A. I just don't recall.
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2	So I just generally used whether the defendants	2	A No.
3	themselves seemed to be saying that they were. And so	i:	Q Do you have any business training?
4	I'm sure there are people who are more focused on	3	A No.
5	business aspects who could talk to whether — their	5	Q Do you think it would have been appropriate
6	business definitions of success, but from my point of	6	to actually look at numbers to come up with this sort
7	view, my general understanding, is that it was	7	of an-opinion?
8	sufficient to talk about what the defendants said.	8	MR. RABENA: Object to the form.
9	Q So all you looked at in opining on	9	THE WITNESS: If I had been given
10	commercial success here was what the defendants were	10	information about actual numbers, I would have
11	saying in the press about themselves?	11	certainly looked at it. But from the information I
12	A. Yeah, I think that's fair, and in their web	12	had at the time I wrote the report, this is what I
13	sites.	13	could say.
14	Q All right. Did you look at any numbers?	14	BY MR. PASTERNAK:
15	A Just the ones they proposed, I mean, just	15	Q All right. But that wasn't my question.
16	the ones — just the numbers that the defendants said	16	
17	on their sites and press releases.	17	would have been appropriate to actually look at
18	Q Do you have any knowledge of any of the	18	financial numbers as opposed to statements in the
1	defendants' actual financials with respect to the	19	press to come up with an opinion of commercial
19 20		20	success?
21	accused infringing products? A. No.	21	MR. RABENA: Object to the form.
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3	accurately reflect your opinion today?	3	question. It's my understanding that you look at the
4	A With respect to the stuff I have here, I	4	general goal, which is to provide thumbnails of web
5	don't have - I haven't changed my mind on what I	5	pages, and not that you look at the exact way that the
6	said. Is that your question?	6	inventor solved that goal. And so the inventor came
7	Q. Yes. What was the long felt but unsolved	7	up with a novel way of addressing that general,
8	need that you mentioned at the end-of paragraph 71?	8	long-felt need, and that's what we discussed. I don't
9	A So the prior art that I mention and the	9	know of any evidence that there is a long-felt need
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11	patent and so forth, talk about providing thumbnails,	11	pages. That was the invention that solved the
12	as we've discussed, and yet no one had come up with	12	long-felt need of getting thumbnails.
13	this idea of providing home pages of web sites instead	13	BY MR. PASTERNAK:
14	of the target pages or of using a separate image	14	Q So the long-felt need you're referring to
15	server, as far as I know. And so the long-felt need	15	is getting thumbnails?
16	was for having thumbnails for web pages, and it was	16	A Well, the advantage of having thumbnails
17	unsolved in the sense that nobody had ligured out a	17	for web pages in particular.
18	way of doing that practically.	18	Q So I'm clear, the long-felt need is having
19	Q Is there any basis for the statement,	19	thumbnails for web pages.
20	though, that there was a long-felt need for this other	20	A Right.
21	than the fact that no one had come up with it in your	21	Q And I think you're saying that was already
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2.	Q And then in the next sentence you say, for	2	words like, you know, appears to be commercially
3	example, Girafa, Snap, Smartdevil and Alexa all are in	3	successful. I think I presented the evidence that
4	this market and apparently use image servers	4	we have at this time and I believe it supports the
5	Why did you say "apparently"?	5	conclusions that I present.
6	A Well, as I said, I haven't analyzed the	5	Q. So during the drafting did you soften the
7	Girafa system.	7	language to use more qualified terms?
8	Q So the "apparently" is only with respect to	8	A This is what I wrote. I don't know - I
9	Girafa?	g	didn't I don't recall any particular softening or
10	A As far as I know at this time, right.	10	anything like that. This is I wrote this and this
11	Q. The last sentence of your declaration you	111	is the way I wrote it.
12	say, thus, the claimed invention appears to be	12	Q Okay,
13	commercially successful.	13	MR. PASTERNAK: One more break and then I
14	A Wait, wait, that's not the last sentence.	14	think we'll finish up. Can I talk to you about an
15	Q Oh, I'm sorry. Before your	15	issue in the hall?
16	second-to-last sentence. Quote, thus, the claimed	16	MR. RABENA: Yeah. Are you going - do you
17	invention appears to be commercially successful, end	17	want to do lunch now or just a short break?
1 .	quote.	18	THE WITNESS: That would be silly.
19	A Right.	19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
20	Q Again, you qualify it and you say "appears"	20	VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the record.
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20	A Yes.	20	Q So you looked at it on the Internet.
21	Q And did you have any conflicts?	21	A Right.
22	A No.	22	Q Did you have any written materials that
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY Q Do you remember when you next spoke with counsel for Girafa? A No. Q But you have spoken to counsel since, correct? A Sure. Q And you mentioned a meeting at the end of January in Pittsburgh? A I don't remember when it was, but you have all the e-mails, and somewhere in the e-mails is the arrangements for the trip. So you can look it up. Q But it was in January to the best of your memory? A I can't remember. Q So you met in Pittsburgh with Girafa's counsel, correct? A Right. Q Was that your first extended substantive	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	confidential. * Attorneys eyes only went along with that? A I don't recall. Q You said you talked about the claims. Were you just looking at the patent to discuss the claims? A As opposed to what else? Q Well, anything else: Were there reports. claim charts, any other documents about the claims? A Well, they sent me a blank claim chart and I—as I recall, we started filling that out while they were there. So I had that. I don't remember what other material I had when, like when I got the patent history or —I don't recall when that arrived. Q All right. So counsel sent you a blank claim chart, that means a claim chart without analysis filled in? A Correct. Q And you worked with counsel to begin drafting that.
20	discussion about the claims and the alleged infringing	20	A Filling if in, yes.
21	technology?	21	Q And by "filling it in," you mean putting in
22	A I really don't remember.	22	information about how the systems you looked at, for

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4	Q What office ways would you do it or could	4	hovering by using an analogy to a popular interaction
5	you do it?	5	fechnique.
6	A Well, there are certain technologies that	6	Q Okay. And these pop-up windows that you're
7	will — I mean, just looking at the within clause, not	7	using as an analogy, you can drag those around inside
1 .		8	the visual image of the web page, can you not?
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9	I mean, if you're talking about this patent, I	9	A Sometimes:
10	mean this claim, as a whole, right	10	Q I suppose there are instances where a
11	Q Uh-hah.	11	pop-up window might not be draggable. Are the
12	A Yeah, I guess that's doesn't matter. It	12	thumbnall images referenced in Girafa's patent here,
13	would be possible to have a web plug-in that modifies	13	this third embodiment, can you drag those, do you
14	the, what's called the DOM, the document object model,	14	know?
15	that is actually how the web page looks to the user.	15	A I don't think there is any discussion of
16	So after you download the HTML, you can have a plug-in	16	that,
17	that will modify the way the page is displayed without	17	Q Do you know if they can be dragged or not?
18	changing the HTML. And it's my impression that that's	18	A I don't think there is any discussion about
19	how, like the Snap plug-in works.	19	7 - 1
20	And so what the user sees is could be you	20	Q That's not what I'm asking, though: I'm
1 ,	could use that mechanism to actually modify the way it	21	just asking if these thumb let me back up.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 H	CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY you know if those thumbnails can be dragged? A Yes. Q And can they? A Yes. Q' Okay. Do you know what file format their thumbnails are, Snap, in the Enhanced version — or, sony — in the Classic version? A I'm not sure the question. Do I know what file format the pictures are stored in? Q What you're — in the Enhanced — in the	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 11	CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY Q. Right. So serving the link pages instead of the home pages itself, that's not something that's innovative, is it? A. The idea of doing that is totally different from the issue of whether it's hard to implement or not. There are many significantly innovative ideas that, once you have them, are relatively easy to implement. Just because something is easy to implement has really almost no bearing on whether it's innovative or not. Q. Is the idea of having thumbnails of home
12 13	Classic version, sorry, where it's more of like the pop-up window type, do you know what types of files	13	pages as opposed to thumbnails of linked pages, is
[4 15	are being served as what we're calling thumbnails? A Oh, I know what I want. I would look in -	14 15	that innovative? A. I think so, sure.
16	oh, well, yeah. So, let's make sure this is the right	16	Q How?
17	one. What exhibit is Snap regular, Snap Classic?	17.	A It was something no one had done before and
18	Q I believe it's D.	18	it enabled, you know, as we say in this document, it
19	A Okay. So if you look at page 3	19	enabled the inventors to provide a practical product
20	Q: Page 3 of Exhibit D?	20	where other people had not. So it seemed to be a new
21	A Yes. So I right clicked on the actual	21 22	idea that no one had done and one that was commercially important.
22	thumbnail image itself and asked for its properties,		commerciany important
1 2 3 4 5	CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY and this is the window that popped up, which says it's a JPEG image. Q Okay. Let's look at paragraph 45 in your declaration. Again, we're back to Miller. You say	2 3 4 5 6	CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY Q Now, somebody who was someone like Miller, using his system to display thumbnails of linked pages, what if one of those links was to a home page, wouldn't it be displaying a home page as a thumbnail?
7	that Miller displays thumbnails of linked pages and does not show or suggest displaying thumbnails of the	7	A The Miller system shrinks every page, so if
8	home pages of the linked pages. Do you see that?	8	the - what he calls the Children page, if one
9	A Year. I'm quoting from the patent file	9	Children page was a home page, then it would shrink
10	history.	10	it, sure.
11	Q Okay. Right. So you didn't say it, the	1 I I 12	Q So, theoretically - not even theoretically - in reality, Miller at times will
12 13	patent pile history. To a person who's got a degree in computer	13	display thumbnail images of home pages; is that
14	science or the equivalent background and some years—	14	correct?
15	several years — of experience in the field,	15	A Sure. To the extent that any of the actual
16	technologically speaking, would it be difficult for	16	target pages reference a home page, then it's going to
17	such a person to implement serving thumbnails of	17	shrink it.
18	linked pages versus home pages?	18	Q Okay. Paragraph 46, you say that, in
19	A Well, I think if somebody was told to	19	general, the terms in the asserted claims should have
20	implement that algorithm, for example, the algorithm	20	their plain and ordinary meaning. Do you see that?
21	in column 7, they wouldn't have any trouble	21	A Yes.
100	implementing it.	22	Q Do you believe that you've given the terms
22	unfucuteuring to	1	A man de la company de la comp

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305 CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY you've construed here in your report their plain and 3 ordinary meaning? 4: A To the most part. I'm not sure, for example, visualization functionality has a plain and 5 6 ordinary meaning. It's not a term that people would 7 necessarily just normally use. But to the extent that 8 the terms are plain and ordinary terms, I think I give Q. them the plain and ordinary meaning. 10 O Okay. What would be the plain and ordinary 11 meaning for "providing" in the Internet context? 12 A Well, I don't know, whatever provide 13 means -- give, show, produce. Q Does "provide" really mean show? 14 15 A Sure. It can. Why not? 16 Q Can you give me an example? 17 A Well, you ask -- you asked the -- I don't 18 know. It seems pretty clear to me. When you -- I mean, anytime you're given something and you can see 20. it, so, you know, if you ask somebody to provide you 21 something, it was because you wanted to see it, so, 22 you know. If you said, can you provide me a picture

CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY 1 2 at the patent itself, there is all these arrows, and 3 all of these arrows are information being provided from one box to another, one piece. Š Q Exactly. And I don't mean to interrupt you, but that's the exact point I wanted to focus on, 6 which is, when you send information over the Internet 7 8 from point A to point B, how is it transmitted or 9 provided? 10 A Well, there's a variety of protocols. But 11 what I was going to finish up with was the final step 12. where you provide it to the user is done in a totally different way than where the content is provided from, 13 14 you know, for example, from the image server to the web browser. That's usually, you know, that uses 15 16 Internet protocols like HTTP and stuff like that. 17 If you're going to look at the patent claims, 18 it specifically is talking about providing to a user, 19 right? That's in Claim 1. And I'm prefty sure it's: 20 the same language in other places. 21 So that providing is actually not one of these

CONFIDENTIAL * ATTORNEYS EVES ONLY of the President, you might have been asking just because you wanted to see it, not necessarily because you needed to have it.

Q Can I provide you a picture of the President by handing it to you in an envelope?

A Sure, you could.

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8 Q And that would be providing, right? I've 9 given it to you.

A That's one way of providing, sure.

Q Providing doesn't necessarily mean that you see what it is; it's just being given the object. Is that accurate?

A The word by itself has, you know, a lot of general meanings. And taken by itself, one way of providing something is to give it in a hidden way, but you could also provide it by giving it in a way that you can see it.

19 Q How is information provided over the 20 Internet?

21 A Well, there is all sorts of different

22 places where information is provided. So if you look

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arrows. It's this user over here who is looking at

the web page and the other parts.

Q Why isn't it just one of the arrows, the providing? How is providing from point A - well, 5 I'll look at the figure.

How is providing between the image server and the web browser different than providing from the web browser to the user? I mean, isn't the information

9 sent the same way?

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A To the user? No. The way it's provided to the user is by showing this visual image on the screen. The way it's provided from the image database to the image server, you don't have any idea. It certainly doesn't use Internet protocols. But the way it provides an image server to the visualization

16 functionality is likely to use Internet protocols.

17 The way it's provided - I guess the user providing

18 would be this arrow over here, which is marked, where

19 it shows it to the user. And, clearly, it's showing

20 It by providing it, by drawing it on the screen. It's

21 providing the visual image.

22 Q Isn't that image provided to the user --

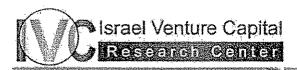
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2	scratch that.	2	The time is 4:43 p.m.
3°	What if the user's monitor is turned off, is	3	(Brief recess.)
4	the image still provided to the user under this -	4	VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record.
5	under FIG. 1?	5	The time is 4:53 p.m.
6	A. Well, again, if you're going back to the	6	BY MR. NIELSEN:
7	language of the claim, and you're asking are you	7	Q Is it accurate to say that a web server
8	providing - are you executing this method in its	8	serves non-image content in the context of this
9	entirety by creating, you know, doing all the steps	9	patent?
10	except that the user doesn't see it because the	10	A Sure. That's one of the things it does,
11.	monitor's turned off, I would say that, because the	11	suré.
12	user is allowed to turn his monitor back on and see	12	Q And the server that serves HTML, that's a
13	it, then - then you'd probably be executing this	13	web server, right?
14	method.	14	A Well, that's - that's one of the things
15	So I'm not sure that just turning the monitor	15	the web server does is serve HTML content.
16	off - because the user now has the ability to turn it	16	Q Okay. What about a server that serves
17	back on I don't think that necessarily prevents you	17	JavaScript, would that be construed as a web server as
18	from performing the method.	18	well or could it be construed as a web server as well?
19.	Q Okay. I'm just trying to focus in on when	19	A Web servers serve a variety of kinds of
20	the providing to the user actually occurs. Is it the	20	content.
21	sending of the thumbnail?	21	Q Is JavaScript one of them?
22	A Well, in the context, for example, of Claim	22	A Sure.
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Shirli Ran, co-founder of start-up Girafa.com, says the company's technology, which allows Internet search engines to display thumbnail pictures of the sites in its directory, fills such an obvious need that it's a wonder no-one developed it before.

"It just struck me all of a sudden that there were no images for search results, and once we started thinking about it, it seemed very strange," says Ran, an attractive 31-year-old with curly brown hair.

Luckily for Ram and co-founder and CEO Eldad Barnoon, they were two of the first to identify the gap in the market, and after a few years of working round the dock have now managed to attract two heavyweight customers, Microsoft's MSN and America On Line. Today, Girafa is already profitable, and has annual revenues of several million dollars, a sum that is expected to rise dramatically in the wake of the AOL deal, which was signed in July.

Girafa's visualization solution, the Thumbhail Service, enables search engines and web directories to display not only links to sites that are called up in a search, but also a miniature image of the site itself. The technology enables users to identify sites visually, rather than just by the address, making the search process quicker and easier. Site images are updated regularly, enabling users to see if any changes have taken place.

"It's a much smarter way of navigating the Web," says Ran, "You can immediately get a feel for a site, and see whether it's serious, or whether it was created by a 10-year-old. You can also instantly identify whether it is a site you have visited before."

Ran says studies undertaken by the company show that the use of thumbnail pictures improves searches, increases repeat visits, and increases dick-through rates by up to 300%. Users, it appears, are more likely to dick on search results that display thumbnail images.

As a result, Girafa's solution enables search engines to increase their revenue from search pages, and at the same time improve the search experience for users.

The Girafa service, which costs search engines a monthly service fee



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according to the volume of images required on a site, is hosted on the start-up's servers, and integrates seamlessly with each site. Search engines choose how many images they want to display per page – MSN for example displays the six top sites on each search page, while Netscape displays the first three or four sponsored dicks.

The search engines can also decide if there are some site images they want to block - pomography for example.

Girafa has also developed a free toolbar which can be downloaded from the company's site. This enables users to see thumbnail images of any site automatically, and to display a thumbnail of their favorites.

"This is more of a technical showcase than something we actively promote," says Ran. Industry feedback from the toolbar has been great, she asserts.

Ran, who wears a T-Shirt that reads "Juicy Heiress," came up with the idea behind Girafa when she was working as an attorney in a law firm that specializes in computer law. She and Bamoon, a friend from university who also worked as a lawyer, both liked the idea and realized it had great potential. Ran gave up her job and began looking for a developer who could push the idea forward. After a protracted search in a market then at its peak, they finally joined forces with Yuval Yarom, the CTO and former VP of research at Memco Software.

There was no funding at the start, and initially it was just the three of them working alone. The hi-tech bubble burst in 2000, and the company's hunt for investment suddenly became a great deal harder.

"It wasn't easy to get funds," admits Ran, who is now the company's COO. "The Internet was a dirty word, and most people didn't even realize why, which made it much harder to persuade them to invest." As a result, the company was unable to secure venture capital funds, and instead raised \$1 million from angel investors. So far, this has been the only financial injection.

IN RETROSPECT, Ran believes the lack of VC money actually helped-Girafa survive the past few difficult years.

"It allowed us to move fast and be very focused. We could make quick decisions and adapt rapidly. We didn't have a CEO in the US, or offices abroad, and that gave us breathing space," she says. "It was a great advantage. There were many companies that could not adapt as quickly, and they failed."

Girafa released its product toward the end of 2000, and began contacting potential customers. Like investment, sales were not easy. The Internet was still in disgrace, and Internet companies everywhere were dosing,

"We would talk to a person at a company, and then a couple of days later find out he'd been fired," says Ran. "It was very hard to move forward with anything. Even now it takes a lot more persuasion than it did in the past. When we dose a deal, however, it's solid."

Initially the company made a series of agreements with Israeli sites like Walla, YNet, Netvision, and Tapuz. In 2001, however, the

company had its first real breakthrough when it signed an agreement with the MSN network.

Under the pact, Girafa's technology was made available to millions of MSN search users in the US, using the Microsoft Internet Explorer search panel. The company also maintains the MSN service, ensuring that images are up to date. For sites like CNN, this means updating the image every two hours. Others need only be refreshed every 30 days.

Ran admits that the company was surprised by MSN's commitment to Girafa, which was then still a young, virtually untried company.

"We expected things to fall through even up to the last minute," Ran admits. "But MSN knew our situation and liked our technology." MSN also gave the company a helping hand by providing it with strict milestones at every stage of development. The MSN deal proved a significant step forward for Girafa, validating the technology and enabling the start-up to start attracting other new customers, "Things were much easier after that," Ran acknowledges with a laugh.

The next substantial agreement came in July this year, when the company signed with AOL after lengthy negotiations. AOL, which has tens of millions of customers, tested the Girafa technology on its ICQ site one year ago, and then went on to integrate it into all its sites offering search engines, including AOL's instant messaging service, AIM; and the portals Netscape and Compuserve. Ran dedines to reveal financial details of the deal, which is expected to double company revenue, but does admit that it "increased our revenue, that's for sure".

THE COMPANY is now in negotiations with a range of other search engines, and is already running trials for a number of them. If all goes well, Ran says she expects that Girafa will announce a number of new deals in the coming six months.

In the meantime, competitors have inevitably emerged. In the past six months, says Ran, a number of new firms have moved into this field, and an increasing number of search engines are beginning to display thumbnail images.

"It's a good thing," she asserts. "It means the service is out there and that thumbhalls are something that will become an integral part of search tools."

Despite the increasing competition, Ran says she is not concerned that Girafa may lose its position in the market.

"We are the only ones providing service to big customers and we've been doing it for several years," she says. "Our service goes out to millions of web users every hour, and we provide everything that our large customers need." Nor is Ran concerned that a large Internet provider might move in.

"Most of them prefer to use our services rather than create the technology themselves," she says. "It takes a great deal of attention, manpower and time to maintain this service, and at the end of the day it costs them less simply to use our technology."

In future, Girafa antidpates rapid growth. The search engine industry is

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set to increase by more than 100% per annum, and Ran believes. Girafa has much to offer in terms of increased revenues and enhanced customer satisfaction.

At present, Girafa's main focus is on the US, which is quicker to adopt new technologies.

The company is also examining the European market, however, and is in talks with some players there. Though Girafa has staff in the US, it still doesn't have offices there, and has no immediate plans to open any. The plan, says Ran, is to stay relatively small.

At present the company employs just 14, and is not looking for more, "We don't believe we need too many people to do the right thing," says Ran.

In the near future, the company is planning to introduce a new visualization product that will be suitable for the mobile telephone market.

In response to customer requests, it is also examining a smaller, dreaper version for small Internet sites that want to use just a few thumbnail images.

The company's key objective right now is to increase its exposure in the US, and to boost sales. It is also working on additional undisclosed products based on its core technology.

For Ran the past few years have been a rollercoaster. "When I look back, I have no idea when I made the decision to switch jobs from law to high-tech. It just started rolling," she explains. "I'm enjoying my work though. We made the right decisions at the right time, and undoubtedly luck also played a part. I believe that thumbnails will become an integral part of any Internet search. We will be happy to be there, and to provide it."

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